

Award Number: AeroVironment, Inc.Date: 10 / 23 / 2012

Note: The Energy Commission Project Managers Manual includes detailed instructions on how to complete this section, with examples of grants that are "Projects" and are not "Projects". When the Project Manager is completing this section, if questions arise as to the appropriate answers to the questions below, please consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to review grants or loans for your division.

1. Is grant/loan considered a "Project" under CEQA? ☒ Yes (skip to question #2) ☐ No (continue with question #1)

Please complete the following: *[Public Resources Code (PRC) 21065 and 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 15378]:*

Explain why the grant/loan is **not** considered a "Project"? The grant/loan will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because grant/loan involves:

2. If grant/loan is considered a "Project" under CEQA: (choose either **IS** or **IS NOT**)

☒ Grant/loan **IS** exempt:

☐ Statutory Exemption: (List PRC and/or CCR section numbers) _____

☒ Categorical Exemption: (List CCR section number) Sections 15268, 15303, and 15304

☐ Common Sense Exemption. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3))

Explain reason why the grant/loan is exempt under the above section:

The Citys involved will issue basic permits which is a ministerial actions and will be statutorily exempt from CEQA (14 CCR 15268).

The Energy Commission is categorically exempt because this work includes installation of charging station equipment conduit, wiring, electrical connections, and mounting equipment. This work is exempt as "New Construction or Conversion of Existing Small Structures" (14 CCR 15303), which allows for installation of new, small equipment, including electric utility extensions to serve the installed equipment. This equipment is small because the dual port pedestal is approximately 4 feet high and 2 feet wide.

Minor trenching would be required to bring power from local sources to the proposed charging stations. This trenching work is exempt per 14 CCR 15304 as a "Minor Alterations to Land", which allows minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The trenching is only minor with electrical runs being 30 feet to several hundred feet in distance. This project requires cutting asphalt or concrete 1-3 feet in depth to run electrical conduit and connect the pedestal to the existing power grid.

Please attach draft Notice of Exemption (NOE). Consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to your division for instructions on how to complete the NOE.

☐ Grant/loan **IS NOT** exempt. The Project Manager needs to consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to your division and the Siting Office regarding a possible initial study.